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**Opening Wednesday 3 June at 6pm
in the presence of the artist**

High Altitudes Photographic Exhibition by Anna Katharina Scheidegger

3 June – 3 July 2009

This exhibition is presented in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and the Le Fresnoy Art School.

In *High Altitudes* the primary subject is the amazing force of nature, the sublime mountain. On closer examination of each image we discover a piece of man's architecture, a door, a bunker, nestled in this hard and hostile environment. All these military items, built in the Swiss Alps during the Second World War, raise questions on the political role of Switzerland at that time and also the fear and absurdity it aroused.

Anna Katharina was born in Sumiswald (Switzerland). She went to ENSAD (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris until her graduation, with distinction, in 2003. She then went on to study at Le Fresnoy, the national school of contemporary art. Anna Katharina has worked in a variety of media from photography, to video and film.

Two of her films will be shown during the opening: *I always get confused about what was and what could be* and *Nullachtfünfzehn*.

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